

**House File 576 - Introduced**

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BY WHEELER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the viewing of a missing person report by  
2 immediate family members of a missing person.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 694.10, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. After a person reported missing has  
4 been missing for five or more years, up to two immediate family  
5 members of the missing person shall be allowed to view the  
6 missing person report compiled pursuant to section 694.3 and  
7 any updated information relating to the missing person report  
8 submitted to the missing person information clearinghouse.  
9 The department of public safety may authorize more than two  
10 immediate family members of the missing person to view the  
11 report, provided, however, that an immediate family member  
12 who is currently a suspect in an active investigation by  
13 law enforcement concerning the missing person shall not be  
14 allowed to view the missing person report. Persons viewing  
15 the report shall not photograph, share, or otherwise publish  
16 the contents of the report. For purposes of this subsection,  
17 *"immediate family member"* means a husband or wife; natural or  
18 adoptive parent, child, or sibling; stepparent, stepchild,  
19 or stepsibling; father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,  
20 daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law; or  
21 grandparent or grandchild.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to the viewing of a missing person report  
26 by immediate family members of a missing person.

27 The bill provides that after a person reported missing has  
28 been missing for five or more years, up to two immediate family  
29 members of the missing person shall be allowed to view the  
30 missing person report and any updated information relating  
31 to the missing person report submitted to the missing person  
32 information clearinghouse. The department of public safety  
33 may authorize more than two immediate family members of the  
34 missing person to view the report, provided, however, that  
35 an immediate family member who is currently a suspect in an

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1 active investigation by law enforcement concerning the missing  
2 person shall not be allowed to view the missing person report.  
3 Persons viewing the report shall not photograph, share, or  
4 otherwise publish the contents of the report.

5 The bill defines "immediate family member" as a husband  
6 or wife; natural or adoptive parent, child, or sibling;  
7 stepparent, stepchild, or stepsibling; father-in-law,  
8 mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or  
9 sister-in-law; or grandparent or grandchild.